

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the above-referenced application, presented herein, be entered prior to examination.


Claims 1-22 are original and claim 23 has been added herein. It is respectfully submitted that support for new claim 23 can be found in the specification and that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application, namely claims 1-23, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (203) 845-1941.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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